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## ALLARD SEEKS HELP FOR COLORADO ON CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SEEKS GRANTS AND PERSONNEL FROM USDA AND INTERIOR TO HELP COMBAT SPREAD OF DISEASE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) is seeking financial, research and testing assistance for Colorado and other states who are experiencing rising costs associated with their efforts to eliminate Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Allard, who is a licensed veterinarian, in separate letters to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman and Secretary of Interior Gale Norton has requested that both the Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior give immediate financial assistance in the form of grants and deploy current personnel to respond to newly identified CWD “hotspots.”

“Chronic Wasting Disease is wreaking havoc in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas and Oklahoma,” said Allard. “We need to act quickly or this disease will redefine the wildlife characteristics of our state and our region.”

Allard, who in December successfully secured federal financial assistance for Colorado and other states to help fight the spread of the disease, said the USDA and Interior must offer the services of its “best and brightest” to help battle the disease.

“The federal government must offer the services of its best and brightest researchers, scientists and wildlife experts toward the treatment and prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease,” wrote Allard. “I urge the USDA and the Department of the Interior to commit itself to providing all the resources needed to help stop the spread of CWD.”

“We can win the battle against Chronic Wasting Disease, but it is going to require a team effort involving both local, state and federal agencies working together,” added Allard.

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